

Exhibit 16:

Western Values Project's Email regarding Its
April 2, 2018 BLM FOIA Request (Apr. 4, 2018)



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FOIA 2018-00683

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FOIA, BLM_WO <blm_wo_foia@blm.gov>
To: Chris Saeger <csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org>

Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 7:36 PM

Good evening Mr. Saeger:

Our FOIA office received your FOIA request dated March 30, 2018 and assigned it control number 2018-00683. Please cite this number in any future communications regarding your request.

In your request you asked for the following:

"I request access to and copies of all contracts the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) awarded to Environmental and Planning Management Solutions, Inc. (EPMSi) to review and process public comments received by BLM following the publication of the "Notice of Intent to Amend the Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan Revisions and Amendment(s)."

We have received your fee waiver request and it will be processed accordingly. In the interim, we have classified you as an "other" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.49(a)(1).

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that can be processed in one to five workdays. The Normal track is for requests that can be processed in six to twenty workdays. The Complex track is for requests that can be processed in twenty-one to sixty workdays. The Exceptional/Voluminous track is for requests requiring more than sixty workdays for processing. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

This request falls into the **Complex** track.

If you have any questions, please contact us at BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov or 202-912-7650. Thank you for your interest in public lands and in programs and activities of the BLM.



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Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 10:46 AM

Good morning BLM FOIA office,

Thank you for your response, I appreciate it.

I do have a question though - can someone clarify how a request like this, asking for copies of contracts with a named entity would fall into the complex track standard? I understand y'all get a number of FOIA requests, but I can't quite wrap my head around how this would be categorized into the second most time-consuming processing track.

Thanks!

Chris

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